

The Storykeepers: Questions for Discussion



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1. Think about the hundreds of journalists that cover stories in war affected countries and other dangerous areas. What motivates them to risk their lives to tell a story?
2. In what ways have you seen examples where a story has changed someone's idea or perception?
3. What do you look for in a good story - what kind of stories do you most enjoy/seek out?
4. What would influence you to share a story with another person?
5. What would influence you to accept a story from another person?
6. Under what circumstances might a story be dangerous or damaging?
7. Jesus repeatedly used story devices such as parables and symbols in order to communicate - what does that tell us about the power of stories?
8. Is a story something that stays the same or in what ways may it change over time? Do you think it's significant that we have multiple versions of Jesus' time on earth, as depicted in the Gospels? What about the various translations of the Bible that have occurred during the years? How do you judge the 'truth' or 'accuracy' of a story?
9. What do you think would motivate you to risk your life for the sake of a story, as was the case in the early Christian church. Do you think the heightened sense of danger would make it easier or harder to share such a story?
10. How do you contrast the above with some of the challenges or barriers you have encountered in sharing the story of your faith with others?
11. Stories often mean different things to different people, and people have an individual response to them. Do you think that this is true in the case of the story of Jesus? Why/why not.
12. How would you respond to someone who criticises the Bible as 'just a book of stories'?